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Patent Claims

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- 1. A driver's cab supporting structure for a commercial vehicle, in particular for a heavy commercial vehicle, a safety cell (4) being arranged in a driver's cab (1) with a front region (2) and a rear
- 10 side (3) facing a loading region (38),

characterized

in that a seating region (13) is surrounded by a stiff, cage-like safety cell (4) to which a deformation region (5, 17) for absorbing deformation energy is connected between seating region (13) and loading region (38).

2. The driver's cab supporting structure as claimed in claim 1,

characterized

- in that the safety cell (4) is arranged displaceably with respect to a vehicle frame (43).
 - 3. The driver's cab supporting structure as claimed in claim 1 or 2,
- characterized in that the deformation region (5, 17) comprises part of the driver's cab (1).
- 4. The driver's cab supporting structure as claimed in claim 3,

characterized

in that the driver's cab (1) is designed as a deformation region (5) in a living or sleeping region arranged behind the seating region (13).

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5. The driver's cab supporting structure as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized

in that a part of a longitudinal member (30) behind the seating region (13) is designed as a deformation region (17).

5 The driver's cab supporting structure as claimed 6. in claim 5,

characterized

in that the deformation region (17) is arranged between the seating region (13) and a support (42) against a vehicle frame (43). 10

- The driver's cab supporting structure as claimed 7. in claim 5 or 6, characterized
- in that the longitudinal member (30) has an absorbing 15 region (29) which is mounted upstream of the safety cell (4).
- The driver's cab supporting structure as claimed 8. in one of claims 5 to 7, 20

characterized

in that the longitudinal member (30) is of L-shaped design, with a first limb (29) of the longitudinal member (30) being placed in front of the safety cell

- (4) and the safety cell (4) being mounted on a second 25 limb.
 - The driver's cab supporting structure as claimed 9. in claim 1,
- characterized 30 in that the safety cell (4) is designed in the manner of a cuboid, with cuboid edges being formed by roll bars (9).
- 10. The driver's cab supporting structure as claimed 35 in claim 1, characterized

in that the safety cell (4) is formed from a separate driver's cell (10) and a separate passenger's cell (11).

5 11. The driver's cab supporting structure as claimed in claim 1,

characterized

in that an additional deformation region (6) is mounted upstream of the safety cell (4).